

20 HAND AND PORTABLE POWER TOOLS

CASE STUDY

Gara James recently took over ownership and management of James Auto Works, a body shop her father started forty years ago. The mechanics are a loyal group, but they are concerned about the safety of their tools; it has been a while since most of them were replaced or upgraded. Gara agreed that the tools should probably be changed, but first she wanted to learn more about their present safety practices. What are the general safety practices the workers should be following?

1. Gara has invested the money in new tools, and has decided to establish a central tool control. What are the benefits of a central tool control?
2. How can the tool control attendant help promote safety?
3. What are the safe practices the mechanics should follow when using the new portable power tools?